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Respect, grace, compassion and love for the animals who share our journey



Humane
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of
Central Arizona

OUR MISSION

To provide shelter and compassionate care for animals who are lost, abandoned or homeless; to ensure that animals who come into our care are nurtured in a loving space while healing from fear, physical or emotional trauma, mistreatment or loss of a caregiver; to place animals into appropriate and loving homes through adoptions; to improve the lives of animals through education and example; to promote spay and neuter of companion animals.

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THE THRIFT SHOP HAS MOVED 510 WEST MAIN STREET



Payson Woman's Club

To better serve our shoppers, the Humane Society of Central Arizona Thrift Shop is moving across the street in the former home of The Payson Woman's Club. Don't miss the Grand Opening on Saturday, April 20th and 21st.

REDS, WHITES, BRONZES AND BLUEGRASS

Make a difference for the animals served by the Humane Society of Central Arizona by attending an afternoon filled with music, merriment, food, and wine on the picturesque grounds at the ranch home of George and Vickie Randall in Rye on June 2, 2012. Enjoy a gourmet picnic lunch, delectable desserts, meet artist Chris Navarro and see his latest bronze art display, listen to great music. Dirt Music Express will perform traditional bluegrass, southern blues, and vintage country western music.

Tickets are available at
www.humanesocietycentralaz.com.

This larger location will accommodate furniture vignettes, electronics, gift items, sporting and tools, clothing for all ages, antiques, vintage collectables and the super sale racks.

We are always looking for interested volunteers to staff the shop. If you have a knack for organizing, merchandising and display please inquire at the Thrift Shop.

Everyone at the HSCAZ Thrift Shop wishes to extend a huge thank you to all of the generous donors and shoppers who have supported us, the only thrift shop in Rim Country directly benefiting the animals at the Humane Society of Central Arizona.



WHAT'S NEW PUSSY CAT?

What an amazing journey we have had in our little shelter! Now that the final days in this fragile A frame house are coming to a close, the staff and volunteers are looking forward to the adventure of being in a new environment positioned to benefit the animals in ways it is hard to imagine.

The HSCAZ staff is busy planning and coordinating the details for moving more than 75 animals. The focus is to ensure that the animals are moved into their new digs in a stress free manner.

The new facilities will make it possible to care for the animals more efficiently and in turn will allow for more personal interaction with each dog and cat.

It is with great anticipation that we will soon see the animals frolicking in their spacious and

specially created play areas. The positive impact of improving the overall emotional well-being of the animals we serve will improve their likelihood of being adopted into a loving home.

More good news:

- We were awarded a \$7,500 grant from Banfield Charitable Trust (BCT). BCT grants support nonprofit organization programs that are designed to keep companion animals with their families. The funds will be directed to help those served by the HSCAZ Humanitarian Hold Program.
- The Velma Tainsh family gave HSCAZ many of the prized mosaics created by Velma. Velma's works are familiar to friends of the Humane Society and community who have enjoyed her charming and artistic depiction of animals on the installations at the existing building. Two of the coveted mosaics

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HELPING HANDS HEALING HEART

Earth Angels

Our new home will honor three Payson residents for their momentous part in making our new shelter come to life. Without their gifts and support for the overall well-being of the animals served by the HSCAZ – especially during these economic times – the shelter wouldn't be preparing to move into this new animal-friendly facility. John and Sue Wilson, and Barbara Brenke will be celebrated by having their names prominently placed on the property.

The road leading into the new HSCAZ facilities will be named West Wilson Court. John and Sue Wilson's love for animals and their community inspired them to donate the significant seed money needed to complete the capital campaign and break ground on our new shelter facility.

The new building will be called the Barbara Brenke Animal Rescue and Adoption Center in recognition and appreciation of her generous financial support and the thousands of volunteer

hours Barbara has logged over the past eleven years.

The Kindred Spirits wall will welcome guests as they step on the sidewalk leading up to the front of the building. Hundreds of names of generous contributors will grace this wall.

Always Here to Help

Volunteers continued to share their enthusiasm despite working in the limited space and rickety conditions in our old shelter. Although it's amazing how the little old house was repurposed to be a sanctuary for so many four legged friends. Volunteers have remained patient and committed while serving in tight quarters for the sake of bettering each precious life entering our doors for temporary care and comfort. We are so thrilled to begin a new chapter and be such an important part of the new building. While the new building has been under construction -- so has our volunteer program.

Ideas we are implementing:

- Daily duties will be significantly more efficient by having a clear definition of tasks.
- Detailed posting of daily and monthly volunteer schedules.
- Designated gathering area for volunteer groups and training sessions



- The Volunteer Coordinator will conduct personal interviews with each potential volunteer.

Our need for volunteers continues and will grow as we transition into the new shelter. There also are positions outside of the shelter collecting aluminum cans, servicing doggie banks, working the raffle table and shifts at the thrift shop on Main Street.

We are thankful for the many who have already stepped up to fill needs. Volunteers are ambassadors and supporters for the shelter. We thank you for your dedication and gift of your most valued possession - your time.

Debbie



(What's New Pussy Cat con't)

are planned for placement on the Kindred Spirits walls framing the sidewalk and entry to the new shelter.

- A program designed to relocate HSCAZ shelter animals to partnering rescue organizations has been implemented. Since its inception, we have successfully transported

more than 200 animals to well-respected rescue organizations - resulting in a much higher rate of quality adoptions.

Thank you for your continued support. Without your generosity we could not have made all of this happen.

Sarah Hock, Executive Director

RESCUED ANIMALS AND THEIR PEOPLE

Jean and Paul put their trust in me

by Chandra Cushman

Upon meeting Paul and Jean Handover, I was instantly drawn to their sense of humor, honesty and love for dogs. The icing on the cake happened when they adopted one of my foster babies, Sweeny Todd.

Sweeny and his litter mates were the only animals I have fostered.



A few weeks ago, Paul and Jean dropped by the shelter with Sweeny and said they were ready to find a new companion for Ruby, one of their female dogs. Ruby's best friend Phoebe had just passed away and Ruby was lonely. When I asked if they had a breed or gender preference, they said "we want a male; one that no one else would want to adopt". Without hesitation, I headed back to Kaysee's kennel. Kaysee had been at HSCAZ for almost a year. I even remember the day he came in; I couldn't comprehend how anyone could give up such a loving, loyal and obedient dog. Kaysee was instantly a favorite with staff and volunteers. He even went to some mobile adoption events, and had been featured in the Roundup several times in hopes of being adopted. We were all baffled that this great dog kept getting passed up. After a few months here, Kaysee began to show signs that he wasn't doing well in this environment. When potential adopters would stop at his kennel, he would bark at them and they would just walk away. That's why I knew there was only one chance to let the Handovers see the side of Kaysee we all know and love. Feeling a bit anxious, I grabbed a leash and went to his kennel to bring him out for his first meeting with Jean and Paul. Kaysee let his true self shine through and was all wiggles! His little nub tail was wagging so much his

whole bum was moving. He leaned into them, rubbed up against them and was the happiest he'd been in a long time. It was as if he knew the Handovers were the family he was waiting for this whole time. We took Kaysee, Sweeny and Ruby for a short walk to see how they would interact. Everyone got a long great, so we did their adoption right then and there. Kaysee (now spelled Casey) is a wonderful dog who found his forever loving home. It was one of the best days I've ever experienced at



Sweeny Todd



Casey and Jean

HSCAZ. Jean and Paul put their trust in me, and now look how happy Casey is. Jean and Paul, you have touched my heart and I will never forget you. You are amazing people.

DRAKE

Dr Jay Din, his wife and daughter recently welcomed HSCAZ alumni Drake into their family in Gilbert, AZ. Drake is a lovable Rottweiler who can't stop smiling.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND MUSINGS

- Q** Does the Humane Society of Central Arizona offer spay and neuter services?
- A** The organization does not have the means to offer in-house spay/neuter services. HSCAZ, in conjunction with local veterinarians, offer assistance to the community through a low cost spay/neuter voucher program.
- Q** Where do we go to donate our gently used home furnishings, clothing and appliances to help the cats and dogs at our local shelter in Rim Country?
- A** The Humane Society of Central Arizona Thrift Shop is the only shop where all proceeds directly benefit the animals at HSCAZ.

A GRAND OPENING

A grand opening celebration at the new shelter will be announced once the staff and animals are settled in.



Receive monthly email updates on HSCAZ news and special events by registering your name on our website at www.humanesocietycentralaz.org



**We ask for your support on
behalf of the animals
who share our journey.**

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"BECAUSE THEY MATTER"**

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www.humanesocietycentralaz.org

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